The Method the Indians *in* Virginia *and* Carolina *uſe to Dreſs* Buck *and* Doe Skins ; *as it was communicated to the Royal Society by the Honourable Sir* Robert Southwell, *Knt. their Preſident.*

THE *Pelt* being taken off is firſt ſtreined by Lines, or otherwiſe, moſt like the Clothiers Racks, but for no other purpoſe but to dry them.

The Brains of the Deer, whether *Buck* or *Doe*, is taken out and meſled, and dawbed on Moſs or dryed Graſs, and then dryed in the Sun, or by a Fire to preſerve them.

When the Hunting time is over, the Women dreſs the Skins; firſt, by putting them in a Pond, or Hole of Water, to ſoak them well. Then they with an old Kniſe fixed in a Cleft-Stick, force off the Hair, whilſt they remain wet. The Hair being taken or forced off, they put as many Skins as they have made ſo ready, into a Kettle or Earthen Pot, and a proportion of the Deers Brains, before ſpoken of, into the Kettle with the Skins; and then put them over a Fire till they are more than Blood-warm; which will make them ladder and ſcour perfectly clean; which done, they with ſmall ſticks wreſt and twiſt each Skin as long as they find any Wet to drop from them, letting them remain ſo wreſted ſome Hours; and then they untwiſt each Skin, and put them into a ſort of a Rack, like a Clothiers Rack (which they fix at every place they come to, with no more Trouble than two ſmall Poles ſet upright, and two more put a thwart, all fixed with their own Barcks,) and extend them every way by Lines, and as the Skin dries, ſo they with a dull Hatchet, or a Stick flatted, and

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brought to a round edge, or a Stone fitted by nature for that purpoſe, rub them all over to force all the Water and Greaſe out of them, till they become perfectly dry: which is all they do.

And one Woman will dreſs eight or ten Skins in a day; that is, begin and end them. I intimate this becauſe the Men never do it.

Obſervationes ponderis Teſtudinis terreſtris, cum in Autumno terram ſubiret, cum ejuſdem ex Terrâ Verno tempore exeuntis pondere comparati, per plures anos repetitæ: experimento celeberrimi D. D. *Georgii Ent*, Equitis, & M. D. & à Doctiſſimo D. D. *Rob. Pitt*, M. D. & R. S. S. communicatæ.

DIE ſeptimo Octobris, Anno 1651. *Teſtudinem meam appendi, priuſquam latibulum adiret, ibidem per totam Hyemem hybernatura, pendebatque exactè libras* 4. *unciáſque totidem minus drachma, nempe lib.* 4. *unc.* 3. *drach.* 7.

Die octavo Octobris 1652. *Erutam è terra Teſtudinem (nam ſe pridie humaverat) appendi denuo, ponderabatque lib.* 4. *unc.* 6. *& drach.* 1.

Die 16. *Martii* $165\frac{2}{3}$. *Teſtudo ſponte è latibulo ſuo prodiit. Pendebátque lib.* 4. *atque unc.* 4.

Die 4. *Octobris* 1653. *Teſtudo poſtquam per aliquot dies jejunaſſet, ſubtúſque terram ſeſe abſcondiſſet, inde educta atque appenſa ponderabat lib.* 4. *unc.* 5. *Oculi (quos diu clauſos habuerat) tum aperti plurimum madeſcebant.*

Die 18. *Martii.* $165\frac{3}{4}$. *Teſtudo è latebris prodiens & in lance appenſa ponderabat lib.* 4. *unc.* 4. *& drach.* 2.